

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 705

Introduced by Assembly Member Blumenfield

February 21, 2013

An act relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 705, as introduced, Blumenfield. Combat to Care Act.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various healing arts professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

This bill would provide that this act shall be known, and may be cited as, the Combat to Care Act and would make various legislative findings and declarations, including that California recognizes that military service members gain skill and experience while serving the country that, upon discharge, can be translated to the civilian world.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited as, the
- 2 Combat to Care Act.
- 3 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
- 4 (a) President Barack Obama signed the Veteran Skills to Jobs
- 5 Act, authored by former California State Senator Jeff Denham,
- 6 which directs federal licensing authorities to consider and accept
- 7 military experience and training for the purposes of satisfying the
- 8 requirements for licensure.

1 (b) In signing the Veterans Skills to Jobs Act, President Obama
2 declared that “No veteran who fought for our nation overseas
3 should have to fight for a job when they return home.”

4 (c) The Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse
5 University found that, since 2001, more than 2.8 million military
6 personnel have made the transition from military to civilian life
7 and another one million service members will make this transition
8 over the next five years.

9 (d) California is home to the largest veteran population in the
10 country, with approximately 2 million veterans, and is expected
11 to welcome home 30,000 more annually.

12 (e) California recognizes that military service members gain
13 skills and experience while serving our country that, upon
14 discharge, can be translated to the civilian world.